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Joint Committee on Finance *100TH ANNIVERSARY 1911 - 2011*

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Alberta Darling
Representative Robin Vos

Date: August 18, 2011

Re: SPD Report to JFC

Attached is a report on the 2010-11 private bar appropriation from the Wisconsin State Public Defender Office, pursuant to s. 20.550(1)(d), Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Attachments

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Representative Robin Vos, Co-Chair
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Dear Secretary Huebsch, Senator Darling and Representative Vos:

Pursuant to § 977.085, Stats, the Office of the State Public Defender (SPD) is submitting its fourth quarter report on the 2010-2011 private bar appropriation [§ 20.550(1)(d)].

Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 the SPD appointed counsel in 127,356 cases, including 53,566 that were assigned to private bar attorneys on a rotational or contract basis.

The approval of supplemental funding of \$5.4 million by the Joint Committee on Finance under § 13.10 in December addressed a portion of the private bar appropriation's 2009-2011 under-funding. The remaining under-funding of \$3.4 million was the first draw on this appropriation in the current biennium. The amounts appropriated for the private bar appropriation in 2011 Wis. Act 32 do not address this carryover shortfall.

State Public Defender collections are received in five categories: SPD initiated, DOA contract collections, juvenile recoupment by counties, commitment recoupment by counties and court ordered payments. Following is a summary of the collections received, by category, during 2010-2011.

Collections – July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011:

SPD Initiative:	\$ 788,243
Court-Ordered Attorney Fees:	\$ 49,978
Juvenile Recoupment:	\$ 405,983
Commitment Recoupment	\$ 33,618

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DOA Contract Collections:	<u>\$ 193,632</u>
Total:	\$1,471,454

If we can provide any additional information, please let us know.

Sincerely,

/S/

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